

October 1, 2018

The Keota City Council met on October 1, 2018, in the city hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender and Rod Hill. City Employees present were Tomisha Hammes, Doug Conrad, and Kevin Slaubaugh. Also in attendance was Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, Dan Flynn, Jim Tinnes, Patty Tinnes, Jason Milam, Amy Stourac - *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to amend the agenda adding Cox Sanitation Contract to item number 16. Rod Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the amended agenda. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Comments: Jason Milam commented that he recently had Officer Conrad and Mayor Tony Cansler come to his property to explain to him what items needed to be removed that were considered 'junk'. Officer Conrad stated that the steel could stay since it was to put a new roof on the house. All the vehicles needed to have plates on them. Milam also commented that there has been standing water outside his property and would like it looked at. Jim Tinnes asked if there were any updates on McDonald Boneyard. The clerk had emailed the city attorney regarding the Hours of Operation, but had yet to hear back from him yet. Mr. Tinnes stated that he contacted his own attorney and that he was told that along with the McDonald's Salvage Permit and Recyclers Permit there should be specified hours of operation listed. He also was told by his attorney that if there is a salvage ordinance recently established the grandfather clause does not make McDonalds exempt from what the ordinance states. Scott Westendorf asked if it would be possible to make an ordinance with Hours of Operation Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Closed on Sundays. Keith Conrad stated that we could do that by sending the ordinance through to the Zoning Board to review and approve. The city clerk was asked to look into ordinances for the R-1 District Hours of Operation and also a Salvage Ordinance for Hours of Operation. Mayor Cansler asked Mr. Tinnes what his ultimate goal was with the McDonald Boneyard. The response from Mr. Tinnes was to move the junk yard to a safer location. Mike Bender offered to do twice monthly walk thru of the McDonald Property and will call Fire Chief Chris Heisdorffer to see if he would do the walk thru with him. Doug Conrad offered to call Powell Funeral Home and request they call him when there is a funeral to make sure the road to the cemetery is clear for the funerals. If there are twice monthly walk thru, an eight foot fence is built, and the Boneyard is following the ordinances, then Mr. Tinnes stated he would be happy with that.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh reported that Tremmel was planning on coming last week, but because of weather he postponed until hopefully later this week. Kevin Miller's first day on the job was today. Craig Frederick is riding with Mr. Miller in the mornings and using up the vacation time he has left for the rest of his hours. DeLong has moved in on the Northwest Drainage Project. DeLong met with the HR Green engineers on Friday. There will be exploratory digging done due to the amount of utility lines running between the properties between Hoover and NW Baker Drive. Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Public Works Report. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad reported that from September 14 to September 28 he had fifteen (15) service calls/complaints. Two theft, two simple assault, one controlled substance, two disorderly conduct, three assist and serve, two misc. complaints, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one domestic abuse, one harassment. There was one Alternative Enforcement ticket written to a juvenile for speed. Officer Conrad is getting a price estimate on a new

rifle. Matt Greiner asked Conrad to get a price quote at the same time for his current rifle. There was a complaint about the property at 112 N. Ellis Street and the amount of junk accumulating there. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the Police Report. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to table Resolution 2018-29: Keokuk County Community Endowment Grant for the Police Department. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2018-30: Keokuk County Community Endowment Grant for Wilson Memorial Library. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-31: Cemetery Plots for Jeff Mahan. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2018-32: 2018 Multi-jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Keokuk County, Iowa. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tomisha Hammes did the final reading of Ordinance 263.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Ordinance 263: Raising the Sewer Rates. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 263

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEOTA, IOWA, 2017, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE RATES CHARGED FOR SEWER RENTAL RATES.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Keota, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Title VI, Chapter 9, Section 2 of the Keota Municipal Code, 2017, is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

6-9-2: Rental Rate: Each Customer shall pay a sewer rental based on water used each month:

1. For the first 2,000 gallons of water used, sewer rent shall be \$32.94 (Minimum Charge).
2. For the next 3,000 gallons of water used, sewer rent shall be charged at \$5 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Keota, Iowa, hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Keith Conrad read to the council all the information regarding the Nuisance Property and Abandoned Building Remediation Program through Iowa Economic Development. The Council briefly discussed the program and requested that if a business is interested in the program to attend a meeting to explain how they would use it.

The Council briefly discussed the Workforce Housing Loan Program through Iowa Finance Authority.

The Council reviewed the Cox Sanitation Contract. There were questions regarding the fuel tax surcharge and wanting to see a breakdown of what the city pays now before moving forward with the contract.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the June Financial Report. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Financials were late due to server down.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the payment of bills. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: Tomisha Hammes stated that Troy from Area 15 called and is interested in doing the rental inspections for the City of Keota. He will send a contract to review in the upcoming week. The clerk will be attending the IMFOA Fall Conference on October 18 and 19. Keith Conrad stated that Resolutions for grant applications need to be requested in advance to the council instead of last minute. He also stated he had put in a call to the Iowa DOT to ask some questions regarding the McDonald Boneyard. Mike Bender stated that he will get with Chris Heisdorffer to do a walk thru at the McDonald Property and also talk with Heath McDonald about building an eight foot fence. Tony Cansler stated that if someone wants to look into getting a different attorney to answer questions about the McDonald Boneyard that he is all for it, but we are keeping Robert Michael for certain issues we have had in the past.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

*These are not official minutes. These minutes will be approve at the next council meeting. All documents mentioned in these minutes can be viewed during business hours at the Keota City Hall.